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SUBJECT: SWEDISH AID MISSION VISITS HANOI, PRG AREAS AND  
VIENTIANE

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1. PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY FOREIGN OFFICE AUGUST 12  
ANNOUNCED THAT SWEDISH DELEGATION HEADED BY STATE SECRETARY  
LENNART KLACKENBERG WOULD VISIT NORTH VIETNAM, AREAS OF  
SOUTH VIETNAM CONTROLLED BY PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
GOVERNMENT (PRG), AND LAOS AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 22 TO  
DISCUSS AID MATTERS. (REFTEL B). RELEASED ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH  
PRG WILL PRIMARILY CONCERN SKR 30 MILLION (ABOUT \$6.8  
MILLION) SET ASIDE BY SWEDEN FOR 1974-75 BUDGET YEAR.

2. OFFICIAL IN SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION (SIDA) TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 13 THAT SWEDISH  
DISCUSSIONS IN HANOI COULD LEAD TO SIGNING OF ONE OR  
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POSSIBLY THREE AID AGREEMENTS COVERING SWEDISH ASSISTANCE

IN CONSTRUCTION TO TWO HOSPITALS AND ONE PULP AND PAPER PLANT. COMPLICATING AGREEMENT ON ALL THREE PROJECTS ARE UNRESOLVED PRACTIAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO ROLE OF SWEDISH PERSONNEL IN NORTH VIETNAM AND ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES FOR THEM.

3. SOURCE SAID SWEDISH AID TO PRG IS IN FORM OF DELIVERIES OF GOODS. TO DATE SWEDEN HAS SENT HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND PHARMACEUTICALS AND WILL NOW PROBABLY ALSO BEGIN TO SUPPLY FAMILY-PLANNING MATERIALS. SWEDISH TEAM EXPECTS TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PRG RETROACTIVELY COVERING FY 1974 AS WELL AS FY 1975.

4. SIDA OFFICIAL SAID SWEDEN HAS PROMISED AID TO LAOS BUT NO AMOUNT HAS YET BEEN FIXED. SHORT VISIT TO VIENTIANE IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN UNDERSTANDING WITH REGARD TO GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF SWEDISH AID PROGRAM THERE. PERSONAL OPINION OF CONTACT WAS THAT SWEDEN WOULD BE LIKELY TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, DIRECTED AT REPATRIATION OF RUEFUGEES IF LAOS IS ABLE TO SET UP SATISFACTORY REPATRIATION PROGRAM. SWEDEN, HE SAID, WILL PROBABLY AVOID FORMS OF AID THAT WOULD REQUIRE COMPLEX LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SINCE SWEDEN HAS FEW PERSONNEL WITH REAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA.

5. EMBASSY EXPECTS MFA TO PUBLISH FURTHER PRESS RELEASE AFTER RETURN OF SWEDISH GROUP AND WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE.  
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